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The Cancer—Cancer Decanate: Moods

Tim Prichard, Hermetician, Order of the Sphinx

"Choices Have Consequences"

The first decanate of sign Cancer commences at the zenith point of the yearly Solar cycle. The Summer Solstice marks a change of polarity from +ve to -ve and is the longest day in terms of the light cycle, although it doesn't necessarily seem like it as we bask in the glory months of the summer sun.

Cancer, the sign of the Moon's rulership, symbolizes archetypal feminine energy. And, looking towards Greek mythology, we equate the Goddess Artemis (Roman Diana) to this Month, astrologically. Her rulership covers the more traditionally



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Consider that ...

"The Law of Affinity is inexorable. That which we have within ourselves, and that only, do we attract from our environment..."

— Spiritual Astrology

"First decanate Cancer: They have strong emotions and may easily be carried away by them. Consequently, they should put forth a persistent effort to cultivate the qualities of faithfulness and poise."

— Astrological Signatures

Spiritual Astrology:

Canis Minor—MOODS

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Each of the twelve primary signs of the Zodiac is further subdivided into three ten degree sections called decanates. The decanates enjoy a primary influence from their mother sign, and a

secondary influence from each of the signs that share the same element as that sign. Hence, the first decanate of the fourth sign, Canis Minor, is termed Cancer-Cancer, as it is found within the primary sign Cancer, and enjoys a secondary influ-

ence of the first water sign, Cancer. The Keyword for this decanate is "Moods", and it extends from June 22 to July 2 of each year.

As explained above, the decanates are subordinate

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grandest intention."
— Oscar Wilde*

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Editorial

Margaret Joscher, President

*"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak;
courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen."*

— Winston Churchill

In all the stories Zain narrates in describing the first decanate of Cancer, the story of Old Dog Tray really caught my attention. This poor fellow's desire for companionship had dire consequences. In his case, the social needs overrode his ability to speak out against the behavior of his companions or to walk away from their activities. Although those with this decanate may be particularly susceptible, we have all experienced it, especially our younger selves. It is the "go along to get along", "don't rock the boat", "don't make waves", "go with the flow" attitude ingrained in us.

In 1974, Jerry B. Harvey, a Professor of Management Science, wrote an article titled *The Abilene Paradox: The Management of Agreement*. He described a family in Texas who collectively decided to drive over 50 miles to have dinner at a cafeteria in Abilene. Upon returning, the family members realized that none of them had actually wanted to make the trip. The story illustrated the tendency of a group to decide on an action that is counter to the preferences of most of its members. Much like Tray, we will avoid conflict to ensure the harmony of our social connections, sometimes even to our own detriment.

We are occasionally in situations where we experience discomfort when someone in our group says something hurtful, ignorant, inaccurate or even bigoted. We are encouraged to invoke Mars for the courage to speak up but Mars too often devolves into frustration, anger and aggression. Our convictions fall on deaf ears when emotions become predominant. It is often easier to be passive and let the moment go but our silence may be interpreted as approval, and when silent we may never know that others in our group share our convictions.

As we navigate the terrain of beliefs and feelings in our associations, it also takes courage to open ourselves to another's ideas or opinions by restraining the urge to defend our own and really listen with respect and an open mind; to ask with interest: how did you come to that conclusion? We too often easily dismiss other's thoughts instead of carefully considering all ideas, including our own, to determine if they contribute to the betterment of our society as a whole. For those that don't, we must summon the courage to speak up. If you don't want to drive 50 miles for a mediocre dinner, then say so.





"It doesn't matter if we don't mean to do the things we do. It doesn't matter if it was an accident or a mistake. It doesn't even matter if we think this is all up to fate. Because regardless of our destiny, we still have to answer for our actions. We make choices, big and small, every day of our lives, and those choices have consequences."

— Taylor Jenkins Reid,
Maybe in Another Life

feminine human traits like the hearth and home, and offspring to be nurtured.

In the Brotherhood of Light lessons, Zain relates the story of the Old Dog Tray with this decanate, and many a rebellious child can relate to this story. Fortunately, some are lucky enough to have avoided, or mostly avoided, the problems of that difficult age when vulnerable to being influenced by the older and seemingly more 'cool' friends we may be drawn toward. Of course, this exciting attraction comes with a potential catch when we don't pay attention to the care, attention, and lessons the lucky of us get from balanced parentage. As in Nature, Father Sun provides the energy, Mother Moon provides the nurturing and growing. Maybe especially our Mothers, who may be more important, although some of us males of the species

may not care to admit it. In the formative years of childhood, our moods can easily alter our path from that of integrity

Artemis the Huntress, as the Greeks labeled her, is more the hunter of wayward Souls rather than the hunter of animals, to which she is really the guardian by night.

In ancient Greek religion and mythology, Artemis (/ˈɑːrɪmɪs/; Greek: Ἄρτεμις) is the goddess of the hunt, the wilderness, wild animals, nature, vegetation, childbirth, care of children, and chastity. She was heavily identified with Selene, the

personification of the Moon, and Hecate, another lunar deity, and was thus regarded as one of the most prominent lunar deities in mythology, alongside the aforementioned two. She would often roam the forests of Greece, attended by her large entourage, mostly made up of nymphs, mortals, and hunters [Wikipedia].



Diana (Artemis) and Actaeon by Titian (Public Domain)

The Greek mythological story of Artemis and Actaeon illustrates this. The mortal man, in his zealously for hunting, becomes distracted by another desire. During a hunt, by accident, Actaeon spies Artemis bathing naked in a lake, the element of water representing the emotions ruled by the Moon. As a 'punishment' or lesson to correct his hubris, Artemis transforms him into a deer, the very objective of his original hunting desires, and consequentially, he is pursued by his own (Canis Minor) dogs.

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Relating the story to human moods, as befits the decanate keyword, we should always try to find balance in our emotions and to be wary of the direction we focus our desire energy that the Greeks personified as Eros – the often fleeting and unaccountable vacillating desires from the subconscious, ruled by the Moon, that we may have, and often don't

know why. It seems that the cautionary story of Actaeon and Artemis is about relating to the Goddess in all her archetypal glory at the Full Moon energy, which is in opposition to the Sun that is the vitality, or the more masculine, 'get up and go' of the Ego. The influence of this energy upon our subconscious mind is paramount and stimulates the need to be ever more on guard to our feelings and moods lest we become the victims at a later stage, particularly when it involves our animal soul. The animal Soul when unrestrained, along with selfishness, are surely the greatest obstacles to our Spiritual progress. The animal Soul should



Actaeon's death.

Artemis drives a chariot drawn by a team of deer. To the right a man reports Actaeon's death to his parents Aristaeus and Autonoe. The scene is probably based on Aeschylus' lost play *The Toxitides*, which dealt with the story of Actaeon. Side A from an Attic red-figure volute crater, ca. 450 BC.

not be destroyed by Cancerian key words 'I Feel', but rather, faced with intent to convert the energies into those more constructive, nurturing and less 'base' in its vibratory frequency.

Astrologically, the Essential Dignity of Mars' aggressiveness and passion is in its Fall in sign Cancer, as Saturn's selfishness is in its Detriment.

For your enjoyment:

[Actaeon lives!](#)



"The quieter you become the more you are able to hear."

— Rumi

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in their influence to the signs themselves. Similarly, in interpreting and explaining the symbolism of each decanate, they nearly always relate back to their mother sign in terms of their overarching value and meaning. If you will recall, as the fourth sign of the Zodiac and as the first water sign, Cancer is archetypically the sign of feelings or emotions, and relates

clearly to motherhood and the expression of familial urges. While the story associated with Cancer proper (i.e., Jacob's Ladder) depicts the Cycle of Necessity through which all organisms must pass in order to increase their Life, Love, and Light, in the tales associated with Canis Minor, we are duly admonished as to the detrimental effects of perverting those same parental instincts, or more broadly,

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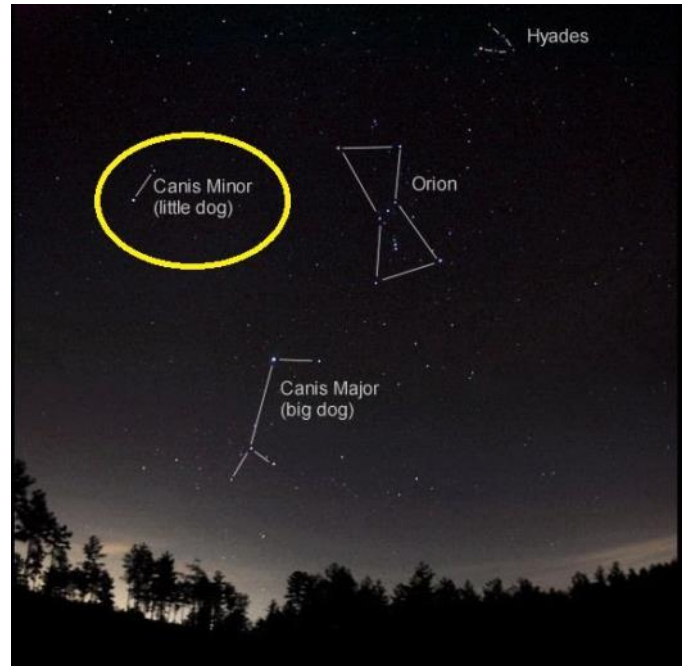


misassociating the complexes of thoughts and feelings that constantly form and reform in the mind, and ultimately drive our behavior.

Accordingly, all three of the decanates found within Cancer elucidate important aspects of our emotional welfare. The first decanate of Cancer is called Canis Minor, which translates as “The Lesser Dog” (Merriam-Webster, 2023b). Through its obvious association with the second decanate of Gemini, Canis Major, or “The Greater

Dog” (Merriam-Webster, 2023a), we also witness a connection to the concepts of fidelity, loyalty, trustworthiness, and ultimately character. However, in this decanate, we are faced more so with ominous warnings as to the consequences of the misuse of family ties to further selfish ends, as well as the perils of moral laxity.

Canis Minor details the pernicious impact of feelings unchecked by facts upon the soul. Put another way, this decanate contributes to our understanding of how intuition unbuffered by reason damages and degrades our spiritual progress, in equal measure to the injury we cause to others along our intrepid life journey. Importantly, the tales associated with Canis Minor communicate that it is not only through malicious action but also through a simple weakness of character that our own spiritual progress may be stunted.



[Canis Minor Constellation.](#)

The first tale which Zain (1997) recounts in order to expound upon the mythological meaning of Canis Minor is the story of John the Baptist. As readers of the New Testament will understand well, John the Baptist is credited with having foretold the coming of Jesus Christ. Similarly, in the heavens, the Little Dog Star, Procyon, always puts in an appearance in the northern hemisphere before the Great Dog Star, Sirius, the latter being the brightest star in all of the heavens (Howell, 2022) and representative of loyalty, devotion, and high-minded character which steers us clear of misdoing. John the Baptist preached unrelentingly against moral transgressions, even unto the point that it cost him his life.

John the Baptist was preaching in the land and time of King Herod. Desiring the wife of his brother for himself, King Herod divorced his own wife and took

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his brother's wife, Herodias, as his own. In the process, King Herod and Herodias broke up not one, but two families. John the Baptist castigated them for their wrongdoing, and was summarily arrested by the powerful, unscrupulous king. Around that same time, King Herod hosted a party with all manner of dignitaries in attendance. Just as the party was getting dull, the daughter of Herodias mesmerized the guests with her dancing. King Herod was so impressed by her captivating performance that he promised her anything she asked, even unto half his kingdom. Motivated by her malicious mother, she malevolently asked for the head of John the Baptist. Under the pressure of saving face in front of his guests, Herod ordered that the head of John the Baptist be brought to her.

In this story, we are under no illusions that Herod was a moral man. However, it was not through his own mal-intended desire to see John the Baptist's life ended, but rather through a moral weakness of character that he complied with the wishes of his stepdaughter. And she was operating under the evil-minded influence of her mother, who "was that type of woman who obtains her ends through craft and subtlety, to whom loyalty is unknown, and stops at no sin nor violence to prevent her ambitions being thwarted" (Zain, 1997, p. 95). Herodias was even willing to use her own kin, her very blood, in order to advance her nefarious ends. She had so thoroughly perverted the maternal instinct as to render the spiritual promise of parenthood moot.

In a similar fashion, Zain (1997) spins the yarn of Old Dog Tray, not a malicious mutt in his own right, but a lover of company, and one who would allow

his companions undue influence over his own behavior. More so for the camaraderie than the spoils, Old Dog Tray would join a band of marauding hounds as they roamed the countryside at night, feasting on stolen sheep. The farmers caught wise to this vicious group, and placed a watchman to observe which dogs left their homes at night. Old Dog Tray was seen to leave home and join this marauding band, for which he paid the ultimate price. Though he had never killed a sheep himself in his entire life, Old Dog Tray fell victim to the age-old principle of guilt by association. As he did not discern right from wrong company, he was punished equally for his companion's sins.

The esoteric intention of such tales relates to a much deeper level of consciousness than that already divulged. Zain (1997) explains that this tale also reveals much about the relationships between the thoughts we think and the feelings they engender in our minds. According to his explanation, the feelings that are present at the time that we experience an event in our lives condition our thoughts accordingly. Hence, if we experience uplifting, constructive feelings, it will so condition that experience that it will further prompt positive feelings when we next consider it. Conversely, however, if the feelings associated with an experience are vengeful, hateful, or low-minded, then the mental compound formed by this complex of thoughts and feelings will necessarily imbue them with a similarly destructive energy. In a very real sense, then, we are in essence the thoughts that we think, as our thoughts condition our feelings, and our feelings shape our behavior. Paradoxically, then, the most selfish thoughts that we can think are those which are most selfless. By thinking of others first and considering most careful-

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"Your emotions are the slaves to your thoughts, and you are the slave to your emotions."

— Elizabeth Gilbert



ly their needs, we build into our own spiritual bodies virtuous thoughts and benevolent feelings. In alignment with the cautionary tone struck by Canis Minor, Zain (1997) forebodes through the Leading Text associated with this decanate that, “The Wages of Sin is Death”, though we can also safely construct its corollary that the reward for virtuous action is life everlasting.

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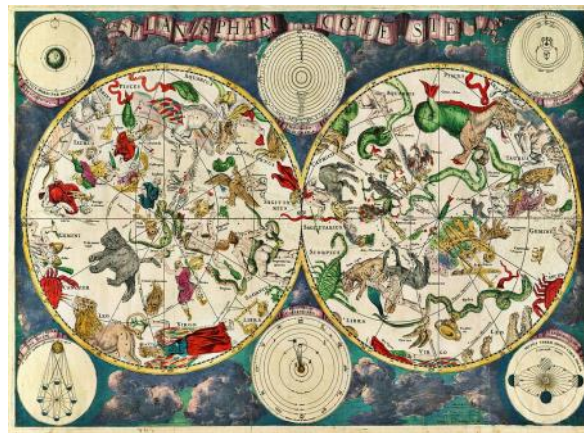


“A LEGACY of untold value has been left by spiritual and intellectual giants who labored in the dim and misty past.”

— C. C. Zain

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Spiritual Astrology...Our Spiritual Legacy

Editorial Comment:

Since 1881, the beginning of the Aquarian Age, humankind’s focus has largely been to advance material science. This is good, but lest we forget, people of the past were also specialists. Instead of devoting their energies to material things, their field was spiritual research. Their foremost interest was to focus on human character and its connection to Universal Law. Knowledge was valuable to the extent it enabled the soul to reach a higher, fuller destiny both here and hereafter.

The Religion of the Stars is devoted to sharing this ancient wisdom in a practical way, by emphasizing what it means to have one's spiritual urges polarized by the *Individuality* of the Sun, *Mentality* of the Moon, or *Personality* of the Ascendant.

How do we apply this ancient wisdom? The following article by Laurie Dixon helps us understand. She shares dimensions of the soul of three personalities that reveal aspects of the spiritual urges of their *Individuality* when polarized in the first decanate of Cancer. One of the charts, Diana, Princess of Wales, has an A rating. As a result, we can ascribe a greater degree of

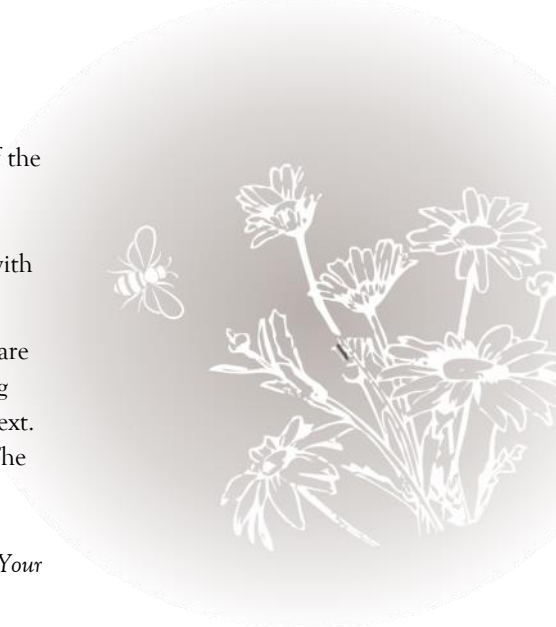
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confidence to our conclusions.

The Sun's placement in a birth chart reveals the deep-seated motives and impulses underlying the character. Diana's A-rated chart Sun is polarized in the Moods decanate of Cancer. The spiritual message of some decanates serve as warnings. The Moods decanate of Cancer is one of them, for it tells of the consequences of not being vigilant to the power of emotions. With the Sun in the seventh house, Diana's Individuality seeks to and is stimulated to express itself through partnership. The trine to Neptune in the 10th lends idealism and charisma that expresses on the very large public stage offered by marriage (☾ in 7th). Diana's core

identity was sensitive, shy, empathetic, nurturing, compassionate, all qualities of the sign Cancer, with a touch of "Universal Love" from its trine to Neptune in the healing sign, Scorpio. The conjunction with Mercury gives a voice to her *Individuality*.

The range of emotions for this decanate are like the tides of the sea, flowing in during one period and flowing out during the next. C. C. Zain relates the spiritual text as, "The Wages of Sin Is Death." Perhaps a more positive, contemporary way to say this is voiced by Frank Sonnenberg in *Listen to Your Conscience: That's Why You Have One*:

*"You have the freedom to choose,
but you're not free from the consequences of those
choices."*



Septet = Ancient Egyptian name for the 1st Decan of Cancer 0° - 9°59'59"

Cancer/Cancer Decanate¹, Ruler-Moon, Keyword-Moods

Laurie Dixon, Hermetician, April 14, 2023

Mood is a state of feeling that influences what you do. It can have high or low level intensity and a short or long duration time. Pleasant feel-good moods are a mental comfort, and unpleasant feel-bad moods are a psychological discomfort. Steadfastness and firmness is the best quality. Bad-tempered, sulkiness is the worst attribute. Getting a handle on your uncontrolled emotions is a key since this decanate can easily sway your emotions, good or bad.

The Moon is the ruler of this decan. The antidote for discordant domestic thoughts is using the aggressive Mars thought elements. So instead of having a battle within yourself, let Mars thought elements come into play, as Mars gives courage and daring mental activity for great opportunities and accomplishment.

Don't allow grumpiness to waste your valuable energy.

The antidote is to learn to be positive and firm. It's important to develop faithfulness and poise, and strive for personal control. Artistic endeavor permits these individuals deep sensitivity to express remarkable poetic and dramatic expression.

Stories of Cancer/Cancer Decanate People

**"Missy 'Misdemeanor' Elliott,"
July 1, 1971 9° 38' Cancer**

'C' Rating – caution, hearsay, no documented source of the Astro Databank rectified birth time of 4 pm – therefore

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*"The objects sought by the
ancients in these pictures,
however, were not merely to
portray the influence of a
section of the zodiac over
human life, but also to set
forth the particular spiritual
teaching which was equally
related to the same zodiacal
section."*

— C. C. Zain

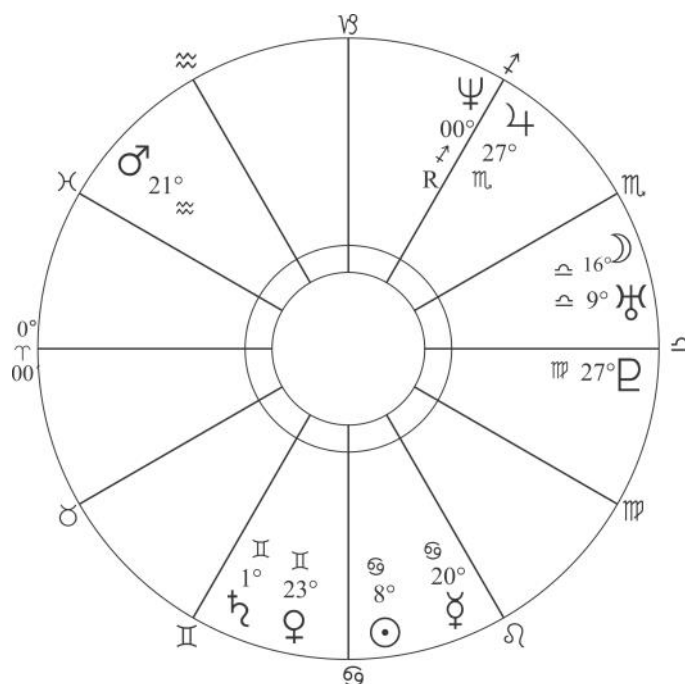
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"The laboratory of Nature is always open. Whether it be a problem in Euclid, the law of falling bodies, the influence of the planets on human life, or the survival of the personality in the spheres of the beyond, he who is willing to perform the requisite amount of labor need take no statement of fact on faith. Nor was it the desire of the ancient masters of spiritual science that he should do so."

— C. C. Zain

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Missy Elliott—Natural Chart Wheel

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by convention, we use a 0° natural whole sign wheel to ensure the houses are not taken into consideration.

Rapper, singer, songwriter and record producer, the first lady of Hip-Hop, The Queen of Rap — Missy Elliott railed against the male-dominated mainstream rap scene throughout her career and constantly pushed the boundaries, cementing a place for women in hip hop. In 2019 she was the first female rapper inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame.

She is a four times Grammy Award-winner. In 2008 she was diagnosed with Graves' disease, an incurable autoimmune disorder. Life hasn't always been easy for the rapper. Missy Elliott's hardships began when she was still just a young girl, growing up with an abusive father. Shortly after her fourteenth birthday, her mother packed their things and left him; extreme harsh living conditions followed.

Missy Elliott always knew she wanted to be a rapper since she was in kindergarten and would repeatedly tell her classmates she wanted to be a superstar. They would burst out laughing. Still, Elliott kept pushing towards her goal, even when her family told her to give up. At the age of 20, Missy formed a band, Sista. In the mid-90s she headed to New York with high hopes of becoming a star. She was quickly shot down by the music industry, being told she was "too tubby" for a singer. "They'd broken my heart," Elliott recalled. Nevertheless, the artist instead jumped to another one of her money-making talents: song writing.

Missy Elliott's star only seemed to be rising when she suddenly disappeared after her 2005 album, *The Cookbook*. In 2011, she revealed to the public that she was suffering from Grave's disease, first diagnosed in 2008. As the years went on, Elliott spoke out even more about her battle, "I was sick and I couldn't even lift a pen. My nervous system had broken all the way

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down. I didn't come up here in a wheelchair. Nobody helped me get up here. I'm walking."



Missy Elliott
@MissyElliott

Sometimes you go through tough times & be feeling so drained & don't know what to do 😞 But when you SPIRITUAL you know them tough times mean a BLESSING must be coming that's why you going through so much! Keep the FAITH them tough times is only TEMPORARY ✅ Keep PUSHING🔥

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She was forgotten simply because she wasn't on camera. But Elliott has written more than five hundred songs, produced music for Beyonce, Ciara, Janet Jackson, Mariah Carey, Whitney Houston and more. Her creative vision in her performances and song writing is unmatched.

Missy Elliott made a triumphant return in 2015 during the Super Bowl Halftime Show. She still "had it" even with a younger generation who had no idea who she was. Twenty-four hours after the Super Bowl, three songs would be downloaded 20,000 times each; taking turns hitting the number one spot for downloads on iTunes." Just like that, "Misdemeanor" was back. She told MTV News in 2019, "I went through things in my life to get here and I'm just trying to help people see like, 'keep going ... There's going to be some turns, some stops, rocky roads, but you know, just keep going'"

In summary, Missy's Cancer/Cancer Decanate is clearly seen with how she handled the intense lows in her life. She was steadfast in her goals(s). She mentally held onto her dreams. In fact, she said her first dream was to take care of her mother. She dared to break away from her poverty by using Mars energy to start a music career. She kept faithful to her artistic lyrical expressions in her song

writing. Her Sun 8° ♉ is in an exact square to her Uranus 9° ♊ and sesquisquare her Mars at 21° ♊.

Elon Musk June 28, 1971, 5° 49' Cancer

X Rating - no source of birth time, disregard the houses.

Elon Musk is an American entrepreneur who co-founded the electronic-payment firm PayPal and formed SpaceX. He was also one of the first significant investors in, as well as chief executive officer of, the electric car manufacturer Tesla.

He displayed an early talent for computers and entrepreneurship. At age 12 he created a video game and sold it to a computer magazine for \$500.00.

In 2020 the first test flights of the SpaceX Starship system designed for providing fast transportation between cities on Earth and building bases on the Moon and Mars were launched. SpaceX also developed the Dragon spacecraft, which carries supplies and astronauts to the International Space Station. SpaceX is contracted to build the lander for the astronauts returning to the Moon by 2025 as part of NASA's space program.

Musk joined the social media service Twitter in 2009, and, as @elonmusk, he became one of the most popular accounts on the site, with more than 85 million followers as of 2022. He bought Twitter on October 27, 2022.

Musk has said that Twitter should avoid getting involved in content regulation. He apparently wants to manipulate the idea of what free speech means, and has suggested he'll allow people to say whatever they want without consequence,

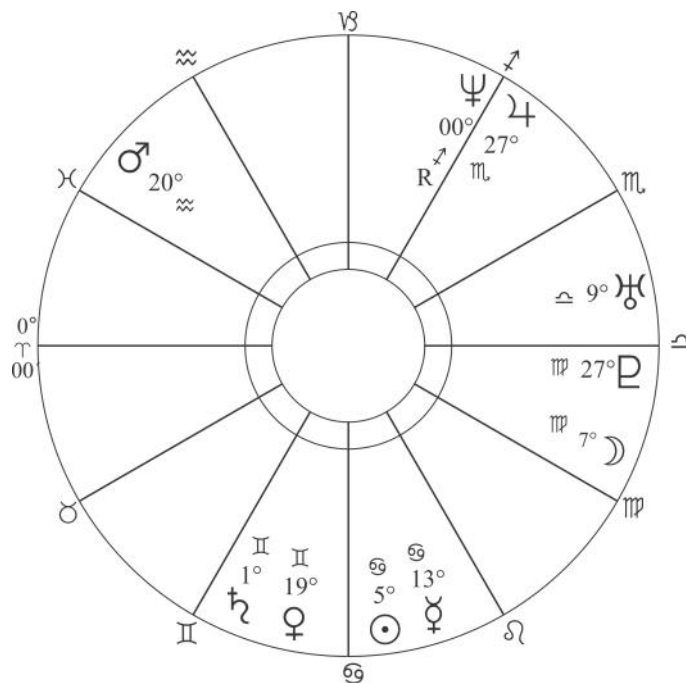
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"...even greater importance to know the spiritual trends associated with each astrological position than it was merely to know its influence as affecting the material fortune. It was these spiritual teachings which defined the relation of the soul to other entities and to the cosmic whole, as revealed by the influence of the various sections of the zodiac, that the wise ones of old most earnestly desired to perpetuate, and to pass on to coming generations as the most valuable of all possible bequests."

— C. C. Zain

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Elon Musk—Natural Chart Wheel

June 28, 1971

“The Old Dog Tray story is told in many lands. He was not at heart wicked, just a dog with certain weaknesses of character, too easily influenced by his associates. He had never killed a sheep in his life, and had no intention of thus betraying the trust placed in him by his master.”

— C. C. Zain

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even if it constitutes harassment or threats or the kind of misinformation that poses a genuine risk to people’s lives. He has a documented history of spreading misinformation, attacking his perceived enemies, and retaliating against individuals who he thinks have wronged him, to running a company accused of rampant racism and sexism.

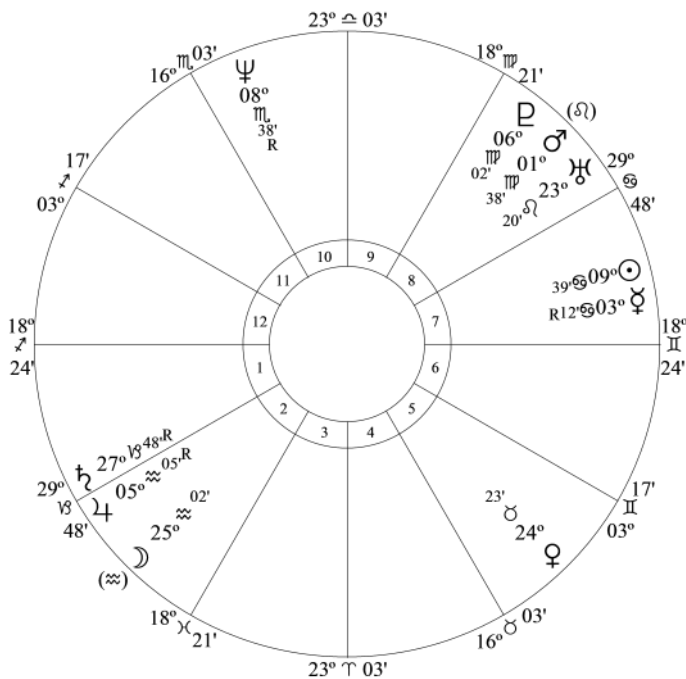
In summary, even though Elon has been successful in his business endeavors, he appears to be overly sensitive when it comes to any kind of criticism. In return he rants and rages at the person or persons in disagreement with his views.

Elon told *Rolling Stone* that during his childhood his father, Errol Musk, was verbally abusive to him, “He called me an idiot all the time.” For his part, Errol Musk told *The Daily Mail* that his son needed to “grow up” and stop referring to him as evil. “He needs to get over himself. I’m not going to hit back. I’m going



to wait until he comes to his senses. He's having a tantrum, like a spoilt child. He can't have what he wants and now I am apparently an evil monster.”

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Diana Princess of Wales

July 1, 1961; 7:55 PM

Sandringham, Norfolk, UK, 52° N 50' 00"; 00° E 30' 00"



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Looking at Elon's past history and his recent tweets, he does seem rather immature at 52. He has taken to being temperamental, displaying emotions of anger, resentment and superiority. This behaviour sounds like the discordant side of the 1st decanate of Cancer, along with an exact sesquisquare to his Mars.

Diana, Princess of Wales July 1, 1961 9°40' Cancer

A rating - accurate data from memory

Diana went from being "Shy Di" to an instant sensation with the media and the public when her engagement to Prince Charles was announced on February 24, 1981.

Diana described her childhood as very unhappy and very unstable. She was born into British nobility. She was 7 when her

parents divorced. Her father won custody of the children. She would experience lifelong problems with issues of abandonment, anxiety and insecurity.

Charles was concerned about Diana's mood swings according to journalist Tina Brown, and was "desperately worried about how thin she was getting." Diana, on the other hand, was troubled by Charles's enduring friendship with his former girlfriend Camilla Parker Bowles.

They married on July 29, 1981. Princess Di rapidly evolved into an icon of grace, elegance and glamour. Exuding natural charm and charisma, she used her celebrity status to aid numerous charitable causes.

Despite Diana's immaturity and early traumatic home life, the unsupportive attitude of the royal family towards her and the public's adulation, Diana showed courage in adversity. She had a lifelong

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"Ever-changing moods and
fretful inconstancy within the
domestic circle attract a train
of woes that consumes the
energies and leads eventually
to some disaster."

— C. C. Zain

Course VII,
Spiritual Astrology



"Long have the bards sung of the Inconstant Moon, whose face each night is different from the last; who rules the ever-changing ocean tides, and in the birth chart of man is found in that department of his life most given to ebb and flood. Might we not expect, then, that the Moon's own decanate of the Moon's own sign, Cancer, should picture in constellation and in story, some spiritual doctrine relating to family life, which the sign as a whole governs, as influenced by unjustified change?"

— C. C. Zain

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compassion for the sick, the dying, and the disenfranchised. Her ability to connect with people gave them understanding, hope, and encouragement. She struggled with low self-esteem, eating disorders, depression, and the mounting strain of being constantly pursued by both the official media royal-watchers and the paparazzi.

Behind the scenes, marital difficulties were growing. Referring to Charles's relationship with Camilla, she said: "Well, there were three of us in this marriage, so it was a bit crowded." The marital breakdown became increasingly apparent and the couple formally separated in 1992, divorcing on August 28, 1996.

Diana maintained her high public profile and continued many of the activities she had earlier undertaken on behalf of charities. Her compassion, personal warmth, humility, and accessibility earned her the pet name "The People's Princess."

It was while attempting to evade pursuing journalists that Diana was killed, along with her companion, Dodi Fayed, and their driver, Henri Paul, in an automobile accident in a tunnel under the streets of Paris in 1997. She was 36.

In summary, with Diana's first decanate Cancer Sun you see someone who experienced very high levels of emotions for long periods of time, creating psychological paranoia. Diana found a way to release herself from the ongoing pain she suffered from her domestic deception by immersing herself in humanitarian activities. However, she relied a lot on her instincts, her feelings and repeated the same mistakes over and over. She had poise and control in her public life but reacted on impulse and recklessly in her

private life under the huge pressure of her discordant marriage. For the public she converted her inner emotional roller coaster to being "The People's Princess," a true humanitarian to her many charities. Her Sun is sesquisquare, within 1° of perfect, with her Moon, and an exact semisquare to her Venus.

It is important for those with this Cancer/Cancer Decanate to be consciously aware of their moodiness and to not get carried away by their emotions. The antidote is using mental alchemy to recondition discordant thoughts to thoughts of success and health, and by changing conflicting thoughts to something cheerful and positive.

If you have a family member, friend or client with this decanate and they seem to be struggling, tell them they can convert their emotional mood swings to better use. That they need to commit to an activity to get their mind off the intrigue and onto something that expresses their imagination - something that uplifts their soul. The remedy is to have faith and to ensure their thought processes are optimistic, positive and joyful.



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Tina Brown, Author & journalist.

The Egyptian Roots of The Brotherhood of Light Series:

Part 1 - An Overview of the Heliopolitan Ennead and BOL Theology

by J. A. Miller, PhD, Hermetician

According to our traditions, in the year 2440 BC a group separated from the Theocracy of Egypt, and throughout all subsequent times, as a secret order, the name of which translated into English means, The Brotherhood of Light, has been perpetuated.

Introduction

The above quote is taken from the “Declaration of Principles of The Brotherhood of Light,” which was written by Elbert Benjamine and published in May of 1915 [1]. From it, we learn that The Brotherhood of Light (BOL) originated in Egypt at the end of the Old Kingdom, comprised adepts who were previously a part of the Egyptian Theocracy, and has been perpetuated as a secret order throughout all subsequent times [2].

How do we know that the BOL originated at the end of the Old Kingdom? The Old Kingdom is commonly considered to be that time period of over 500 years that included the 3rd through the 6th Dynasties [3]. In his book, *Astrological Lore of All Ages*, Benjamine gives a fuller account of the origins of the BOL and describes it as occurring after the 12-year reign of Queen Nitokris [4]. According to modern scholarship, she is considered to perhaps have been the last pharaoh of the 6th Dynasty [5]. At the time of Benjamine's writing, the Old Kingdom was considered to have ended in 2440 BC. However, modern scholarship has revised that date to 2181 BC [6]. Understanding this modern revision in dating, Benjamine's

writing unequivocally places the origin of the BOL at the end of the Old Kingdom.

Interestingly, we also learn that prior to their separation from the Theocracy, the group of adepts who would form the BOL, was clearly part of the Theocracy of the Old Kingdom. The term “theocracy” refers to the priestly class and theological center (i.e., “religious authority”) that had a dominant influence over the rulers and people of Egypt at the time. In the Old Kingdom, the dominant theological center and cult was Heliopolis [7] and its nine principle gods called “the Heliopolitan Ennead.” How do we know this?

Among other lines of evidence, we can easily see that many of the sons and grandsons of the Pharaoh Khufu, who was responsible for the building of the Great Pyramid, all had “Ra” in their names: Djedef-ra, Khaf-ra, and Menkaura. Djedefra was also the first pharaoh to use “Son of Ra” as a royal title [8]. It is also during the Fifth Dynasty of the Old Kingdom that we see the first appearance of sun temples dedicated to Ra [9].

Given that these BOL adepts, prior to their separation from the Theocracy, were part of the ruling priestly class, they

“Theocracy is a form of government in which one or more deities are recognized as supreme ruling authorities, giving divine guidance to human intermediaries who manage the government's daily affairs.”

— Wikipedia

“Adept: a highly skilled or well-trained individual : expert.”

— Merriam-Webster

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were likely involved in influencing the formation of the theology of Heliopolis. Thus, we can reasonably surmise that the basic BOL doctrines may be encoded in the theological stories and symbols of the principle gods of Heliopolis.

Indeed, Elbert Benjamine has already essentially indicated as much when, in the Egyptian Initiation Chapter of Course 2, *Astrological Signatures*, he tells us that Osiris, one of the principle Heliopolitan gods, represents the separation and reunion of the Twin Souls – a main BOL doctrine. In 'decoding' this one theological symbol, he has given us a "key" that allows us to 'decode' the other theological symbols of the Heliopolitan Ennead to reveal other central BOL doctrines.

In this first article of an intended series, the goal is to provide the reader with a brief introduction to the principle gods of the Heliopolitan Ennead and to make the initial connection between these theological symbols and the key doctrines of The Brotherhood of Light. Future installments will examine each of these key teachings and their associated Heliopolitan theological icons individually.

At the conclusion of this series, it is hoped that the reader will realize that The Brotherhood of Light key doctrines have a natural, clear, and significant association with the theological icons of Heliopolis – an association which is too great to be accounted for by mere coincidence. It is in the light of such a realization that the truth regarding the origin and Egyptian roots of The Brotherhood of Light, as given by Elbert Benjamine, becomes evident.

The Heliopolitan 'Ennead'

During the Old Kingdom, the center for the Cult of Ra was the city known in Greek as "Heliopolis" (meaning "City of the Sun") or in Egyptian as "Iunu" (which literally means "The Pillars"). In the Old Testament, it is known as the city called "On." What little remains of it is located in a district of modern Cairo. In the Old Kingdom, it was a major religious center in lower Egypt (the Delta Region) and served as the capital of the 13th Nome – one of the 42 districts or provinces which comprised ancient Egypt [7].

The main theological focus of Heliopolis was the promotion of the principle gods of the Cult of Ra, known as the "Heliopolitan Ennead." Although the Greek term "Ennead" literally means, "the Nine," this group of principle gods forming the Cult of Ra included several others. So, our consideration here will include the 9 principle 'gods' of Heliopolis plus three other important associated deities – all of which comprise the "family" of Ra (see Figure 1, next page).

Arising from the "Waters of Primordial Chaos," sometimes referred to as a god called "the Nun" (not depicted in Fig. 1) was the self-created sun god, Atum-Ra. Atum-Ra is then said to have given rise to a twin pair of gods by "sneezing out" his son, Shu, the god of the air, and "spitting out" his daughter "Tefnut", the goddess of moisture" [10]. Shu and Tefnut then gave birth to Nut, the goddess of the Sky and Geb, the god of the Earth. Nut and Geb then gave birth to four children: Nephthys, Set, Isis, and Osiris. Nephthys and Osiris had a son, the god Anubis. Isis and Osiris also had a son, the god Horus. These gods comprise the Heliopolitan

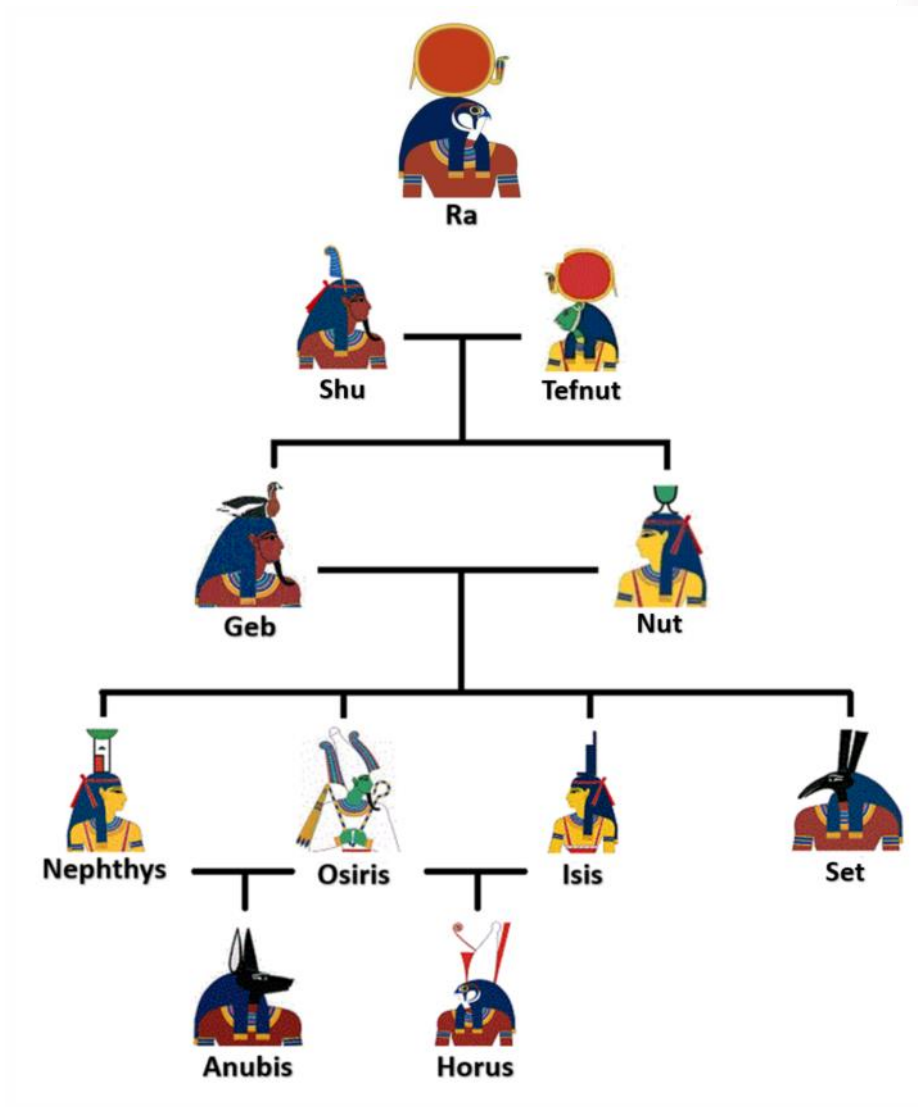
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"Doctrine—noun:

*a principle or position or the
body of principles in a branch
of knowledge or system of
belief."*

— Merriam-Webster

Figure 1: The Heliopolitan Ennead



“Ennead,” and by considering their attributes and stories, we will, in future installments of this series, examine how

they encode the main Brotherhood of Light theological doctrines.

The Main Brotherhood of Light Theological Doctrines

(See Table 1, next page)

The BOL doctrines we will consider are those concerning the following: (1) the Triune Supreme Deity and Law of Polarity, (2) the 4 Realms and 6 Dimensions, (3) the Cycle of Necessity, (4) the Twin

Souls – Separation & Reunion, (5) the Evolution of Consciousness from Chemical to Simple, (6) the Evolution of Consciousness from Rational to Divine, and

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“Ennead—noun:
A group of nine. Since ancient times, various groups of people have considered nine to be a very special and sacred number.”

— Merriam-Webster



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(7) the Process of Spiritual Alchemy. These are some, not all, of the key doctrines of the Hermetic Tradition of The Brotherhood of Light.

It's important to note that the "Hermetic Tradition" of The Brotherhood of Light, does not originate with the body of written works such as the Corpus Hermeticum and Ascleapius, dated to the first few centuries C.E., which are associated with figure of Hermes Trismegistus according to modern academia [11]. Instead, for The Brotherhood of Light, the term "Hermetic" refers to "Thoth" the

A "Theological Map" of Correspondence of Heliopolitan Gods and BOL Doctrines

In future articles, the correspondence between the Heliopolitan gods and the key Brotherhood of Light doctrines indicated will be decoded and articulated. In this first introductory article, a "Theological Map" (see Table 1 below) is provided so that an overview of these correspondences might be seen and contemplated by the reader as a prelude to the more detailed treatments to come.

"The hero's journey always begins with the call. One way or another, a guide must come to say, 'Look, you're in Sleepy Land. Wake. Come on a trip. There is a whole aspect of your consciousness, your being, that's not been touched. So you're at home here? Well, there's not enough of you there.' And so it starts."

— Joseph Campbell

HELIOPOLITAN GOD	BOL THEOLOGICAL DOCTRINE
Atum-Ra, Shu, and Tefnut (and the "Nun")	The Triune Supreme Deity, Law of Polarity
Nut and Geb	The 4 Realms & 6 Dimensions
Nephthys and Isis	The Cycle of Necessity
Set	The Energies of Life
Osiris	The Twin Souls (Separation & Reunion)
Anubis	Evolution of Conscious from Chemical to Simple
Horus	Evolution of Conscious from Rational to Divine
Battle of Horus & Set	The Process of Spiritual Alchemy

Table 1: Theological "Map" of Main BOL Doctrines & Heliopolitan Gods

Egyptian equivalent and predecessor of the Greek god "Hermes" [12]. Thoth is an ancient Egyptian god that is referenced in the Pyramid Texts of the 5th Dynasty of Old Kingdom, Egypt. These texts are the oldest written religious literature in the world [13]. Thus, our usage of the term "Hermetic Tradition," indicates that the BOL doctrines, like Thoth, also extend back to Old Kingdom, Egypt, as does the BOL itself [14].

Footnotes and Citations

[1] This quote from the 1915 BOL Declaration of Principles was actually taken from *Astrological Lore of All Ages* (published by The Church of Light Los Angeles) by Elbert Benjamine in which it appears in Chap.1, p. 5.

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[2] It should be noted that The BOL Tradition states that the records, knowledge, and wisdom of ancient stellar religion originated in a common cultural core area, often referred to as “Atlantis” and “Mu,” which then spread to seven centers of civilization across the world, of which Egypt was one (e.g., a brief account of this is given in *Astrological Lore of All Ages* by Elbert Benjamine, Chap. 1, page 3). Thus, the main theological doctrines considered here likely have an origin that predates Egypt. It is only their integration into the theology and iconography of Egypt, by the specific group of adepts that would later form the BOL at the end of the Old Kingdom, that we are considering in this article, not the origin of the doctrines themselves.

[3] For example, see *The Egyptians* by Cyril Aldred, 1987, Thames and Hudson, p. 9 or “The Old Kingdom of Egypt” Wikipedia article at: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Old_Kingdom_of_Egypt

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[7] For a general introduction to Heliopolis, see these two documentaries: “Heliopolis – The City of the Sun” at <https://youtube.com/watch?v=RBKZQsf10Jc> and “Heliopolis: The Cradle of the Gods” at <https://youtube.com/watch?v=31h7f-cH5AY>

[8] For example, see the article “Djedefre” at <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Djedefre>

[9] For a description of an Old Kingdom Sun Temple, see the article “Sun Temple of Niuserre” at <https://ancientegyptonline.co.uk/niuserre-sun-temple/>

[10] There are more “colorful” versions of the 'birth' of Shu and Tefnut that one may encounter in the literature, but the one given here is appropriate for readers of all ages.

[11] According to tradition, The Brotherhood of Light, from its origin, has existed throughout all subsequent times and has given rise to various groups throughout its history for certain purposes. Some of these may have produced written works, such as the Greco-Egyptian materials known to academia as the “Corpus Hermeticum,” “the Hermetica,” the “Asclepius,” etc. Some of this material may be considered to be expressions of the BOL Hermetic Tradition written within the cultural context of its time.

[12] The connection of the BOL Hermetic Tradition with Thoth is indicated by



“A tradition is a belief or behavior (folk custom) passed down within a group or society with symbolic meaning or special significance with origins in the past.”

— Wikipedia

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the ibis bird depicted on Arcanum I of the BOL Egyptian Tarot. The ibis is a symbol of Thoth.

[13] See <https://www.worldhistory.org/article/148/the-pyramid-texts-guide-to-the-afterlife/>

[14] It should be noted that Thoth is also strongly associated with astrology, alchemy, and magic.

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Membership Room

*"Personality is to a man
what perfume is to a flower."*

— Charles M. Schwab

Moving on ...

Everything in her house was painted shimmering gold...just like her personality!

Bubbly, effervescent Lynne Palmer, a dear friend, long-standing member of The Church of Light, and esteemed astrologer, passed away on March 18, 2023 at 4:25 a.m.

True to her Sagittarian nature, Lynne was always on a mission and moved straight as an arrow toward it! That mission was to shout from the mountain tops the benefits of applying astrological principles in a friendly and practical manner to maximize the possibilities of your life. She never seemed to tire of her work.



She studied with The Church of Light and became a professional astrologer in 1957. The joy of applying the lens of Hermetic Astrology to shed light and life on thousands of clients from all walks of life fueled her journey. If you had a question, she was there to help you find an astrological answer...especially about finding your life's purpose and harmony.

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Lynne Palmer with Patrick Ramsey at a Church of Light workshop in 2011.



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With Virgo rising, the energy of the combined Sagittarius Sun made her a fun-loving worker in raising the vibratory rate of everyone around her. However, it wasn't a good idea to give her the impression you're not carrying your own fair load and doing the work!

Devoted to spreading the light of Hermetic Astrology, she is the author of many books. Among the titles are *ABC Basic Chart Reading*, *Bet to Win*, *Are You Compatible with....?*, *Astrological Compatibility*, *Is Your Name Lucky for You?*, *Money Magic*, *Prosperity*, *Astro-Guide to Nutrition and Vitamins*, *Illness: Planetary Rulerships*, *Medical Astrology*, *Be Your Own Astrologer* and *Astrological Potpourri*, and the enduring *Annual Astrological Almanac*.

Tributes from CofL members who loved Lynne:

Patrick Ramsey:

Lynne Palmer when living in New York City did my mother's chart (Patricia)

and my chart when I was 10 years old on cassette tape. It was helpful in my spiritual development growing up Catholic.

Lynne Palmer is responsible for me being in the Church of Light. She encouraged me to join the Church of Light when Radine and I were at a University of Metaphysics convention in Las Vegas."

Radine Ramsey:

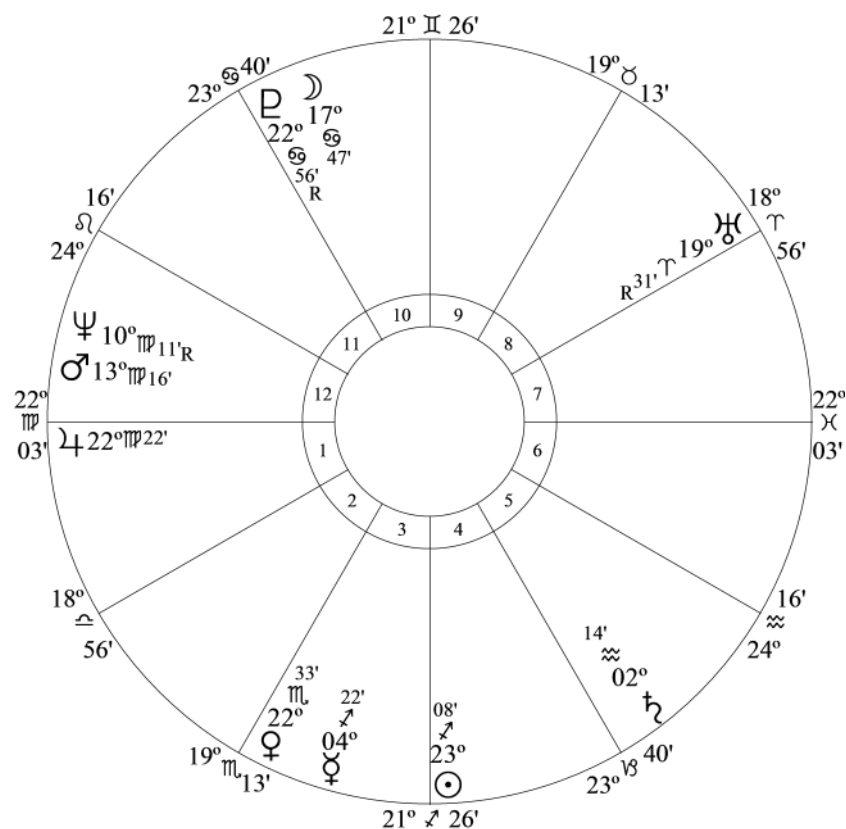
I have known Lynne for about 30 years. When I married my husband, Patrick, she assured me that we were perfect for each other. She insisted that I worshipped the ground where my husband walked. While my good friends laugh when I tell them this, I suppose that Lynne was right. I am lucky to have a loyal Scorpio husband.

Lynne originally thought that she would become a dancer [The Church of Light

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"Death has nothing to do with going away. The sun sets and the moon sets, but they're not gone. Death is a coming together."

— Rumi



Lynne Palmer

December 14, 1932, 11:30 pm

El Centro, California

"Your living is determined
not so much by what life
brings to you as by the
attitude you bring to life; not
so much by what happens to
you as by the way your mind
looks at what happens."

— Khalil Gibran

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1]. Her good friend, Carolynne Snowden, pushed her into astrology. She told her that she was a lousy dancer and that it would be better if she pursued a career in astrology.

Doris Chase Doane also encouraged her. Doris looked at her chart and told her that one day she would be a famous astrologer. Doris was right. Between the

two of them, they have authored about 20 books.

Lynne appeared on the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson. Carson commented, "You are the best looking astrologer I have ever seen." After the show, they became friends.



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